

we do ask for, and expect, entire and complete protection from their assaults upon our property.

These Abolitionists, aided by the funds yearly remitted from Great Britain, (which for the year 1856, amounted to the sum of \$150,750,*) and augmented by contributions in the Free States, (which for the same year 1856, amounted to \$38,162,†) and the whole dispensed through their societies and secret agencies, now traverse our State in all directions under cover of some legitimate occupation, such as pedlars, lecturers, venders of patent medicines, singing masters, book agents, and other ostensible pursuits. They explore our State, partake of our hospitality, and form alliances with the Free Negroes, who carry out their instructions by aiding the escape of Slaves. These Free Negroes now number 90,000, and are rapidly increasing.‡ Our State has done much for them, and they repay our kindness by the grossest acts of treachery and ingratitude, by acting the part of allies with, and spies to these Abolitionists.

In our midst are also found those who desecrate the high and holy offices of Ministers of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, by "teaching for doctrine the traditions of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth:"—Tim. ch. vi. These men, under cover of ministerial functions, aim at ecclesiastical supremacy on the one hand and are reckless of the rapid decline of vital piety in our country, on the other. They will not teach the whole council of God; they will either distort the plain truths of Revelation, or they will withhold essential portions of it. They never inculcate the duties and obligations set forth in the following Scriptures, viz: Ephesians, ch. vi., 5 to 10; Titus, ch. ii., 9, 10; the Book of Philemon, wherein Onesimus, a runaway slave was returned by St. Paul to his owner; Peter I., ch. ii., 18, Leviticus, ch. xxv., 44 to 47; and hundreds of other parallel passages, which every man who reads the Bible can easily produce.

The word slave, and the terms home-born slave and bond servant, so frequently occurring in the Bible, from Genesis to Revelations, they contend are misnomers, synonymous with hired servants, and no where convey the idea of property in the person of the slave. And when driven from this sophistry by the plain interpretation of the Bible—by the best theological commentaries, and by the lights of profane history, all conspiring to prove beyond a doubt the existence of Slave-

* See the London Times newspaper.

† See Twenty-fourth Anniversary of New England Abolition Society, held at the City Assembly Rooms, in New York city, in May last; reported by Francis Jackson, of Boston, as Treasurer.

‡ Gov. Hicks, in his Inaugural Address, says over 85,000. He calls the earnest attention of the Legislature to this subject.